UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA SOUTH BEND DIVISION

MACK SIMS,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.) (CAUSE NO. 3:19cv1168-JD-MGG
CITY OF ELKHART, ET AL.,)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

In accordance with Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this cause is now set for a **Telephonic Rule 16 Preliminary Pretrial Conference** before Magistrate Judge Michael G. Gotsch, Sr., to be held on **May 26, 2020 at 11:15 A.M.** (E.D.T.) Trial Counsel are required to participate.

The Court will call all counsel listed on the docket sheet unless it is notified that specified attorneys need not be contacted. If, at the time of the scheduled conference the specified attorney will not be at the telephone number identified on the docket sheet, notify court staff at (574) 246-8100 of the number at which you can be reached.

Counsel shall indicate whether their clients are willing to consent to transfer this case to a Magistrate Judge for all purposes, including trial, by either executing and submitting the consent form or orally inform the court at the Rule 16 Preliminary Pretrial Conference to consent.

At the conference, counsel shall be prepared to address the following:

- 1. A proposed Discovery Plan under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) to be filed no later than **April 29, 2020**. Counsel are directed to the Court's website for a suitable form of report and discovery plan ("**Report of the Parties Planning Meeting**"). At the conference, the Court will address those topics listed at Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) and (c). Failure to timely file the report and proposed discovery plan may result in the imposition of sanctions in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f). At the conference, it is anticipated that the Court will approve or modify the Report of Parties' Planning Meeting.
- 2. Consideration of the various forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") available to include mediation. If mediation is selected, the parties shall identify the mediator and in the event counsel cannot agree on a mediator, then the Court will make the selection. Counsel may review the list of mediators located on the Court's website at *innd.uscourts.gov*, under *Info/Forms*, prior to the preliminary pretrial conference.

¹The attention of counsel is specifically directed to the Court's ADR Pamphlet (1/96) located at the Court's website.

SO ORDERED this April 10, 2020.

s/Michael G. Gotsch, Sr.
Michael G. Gotsch, Sr.
United States Magistrate Judge